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AGREEMENT

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¶1. (SBU) Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Office of United Nations and International Organizations (UNIO) Director for Political, Legal, and Security Matters Leah Ruiz on July 14 welcomed our thoughts (per reftel) on the India-IAEA Safeguards Agreement. We explained why we consider this to be a credible safeguards agreement that deserves broad support, and that will bring India closer to the nonproliferation mainstream. Ruiz agreed that these were important goals and that the U.S. and India are both important Philippine partners. While she had not yet reviewed the agreement or consulted with her superiors or the Philippine delegation in Vienna, Ruiz said that she would give the matter her immediate attention, and she promised to bear our views in mind.

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